Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking the sale of goods in a store utilizing a network-based supply chain management framework, comprising:

a) receiving data from a plurality of independent stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the independent stores, and being in a first format associated with the independent stores;

b) sending the data from the independent stores to a supply chain manager utilizing the network; and

c) translating using a supply chain computer the data to a second format associated with the supply chain manager,

wherein the first format relates directly to the sale of goods by the independent stores, and the second format is a format that allows for derivation of the product requirements to support forecasted sale of goods by the independent stores.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the independent stores include restaurants.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the data in the first format includes daily totals.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the daily totals reflect a price associated with the goods.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the data in the second format includes monthly totals.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the data in the second format includes a grouping of the goods.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking the sale of goods in a store utilizing a network-based supply chain management framework, comprising:

electronic storage; and

a set of processors that use the electronic storage and include among them the following logic:

a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of independent stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the independent stores, and being in a first format associated with the independent stores;

b) logic for sending the data from the independent stores to a supply chain manager utilizing the network; and

c) logic for translating the data to a second format associated with the supply chain manager,

wherein the first format relates directly to the sale of goods by the independent stores, and the second format is a format that allows for derivation of the product requirements to support forecasted sale of goods by the independent stores.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the independent stores include restaurants.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the data in the first format includes daily totals.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the daily totals reflect a price associated with the goods.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the data in the second format includes monthly totals.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the data in the second format includes a grouping of the goods.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for tracking the sale of goods in a store utilizing a network-based supply chain management framework, comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein to be executed by a computer, the computer readable code comprising:

a) computer readable code for receiving data from a plurality of independent stores of a supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of goods by the independent stores, and being in a first format associated with the independent stores;

b) computer readable code for sending the data from the independent stores to a supply chain manager utilizing the network; and

c) computer readable code for translating the data to a second format associated with the supply chain manager,

wherein the first format relates directly to the sale of goods by the independent stores, and the second format is a format that allows for derivation of the product requirements to support forecasted sale of goods by the independent stores.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the independent stores include restaurants.

15. (Original) The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data in the first format includes daily totals.

16. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the daily totals reflect a price associated with the goods.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the data in the second format includes monthly totals.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the data in the second format includes a grouping of the goods.

19. (New) The method of claim 6, further comprising

feeding back to the independent stores information on the sales of the grouping of the goods to provide a sales mix trend; and

generating an alert if there is a predetermined deviation of the data relating to the sale of goods by the independent stores as against forecasted sales.

20. (New) The system of claim 12, further comprising

logic for feeding back to the independent stores information on the sales of the grouping of the goods to provide a sales mix trend; and

logic for generating an alert if there is a predetermined deviation of the data relating to the sale of goods by the independent stores as against forecasted sales.

21. (New) The program product of claim 18, further comprising

computer readable code for feeding back to the independent stores information on the sales of the grouping of the goods to provide a sales mix trend; and

computer readable code for generating an alert if there is a predetermined deviation of the data relating to the sale of goods by the independent stores as against forecasted sales.